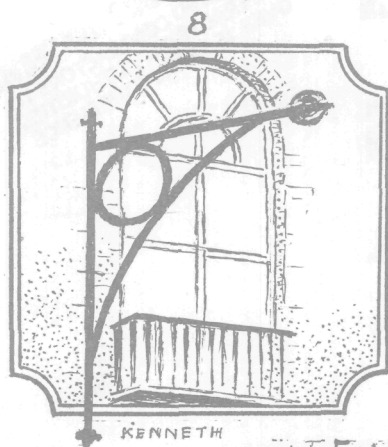
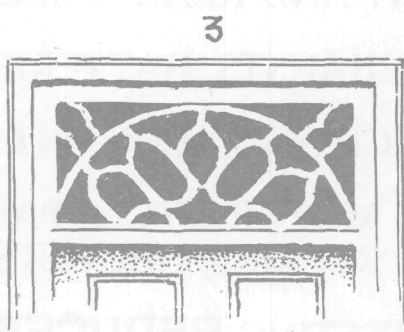
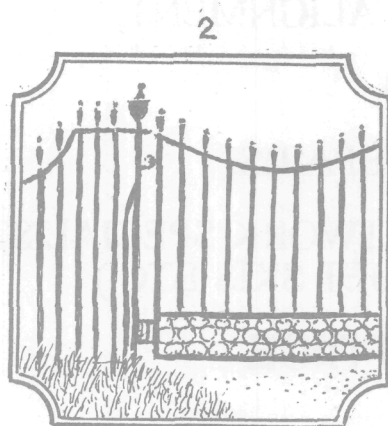


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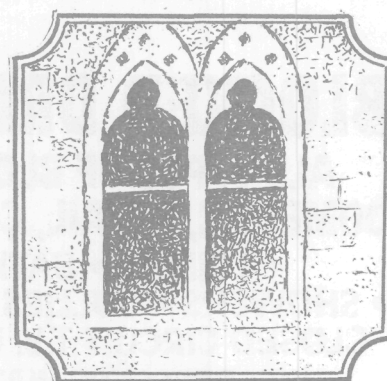
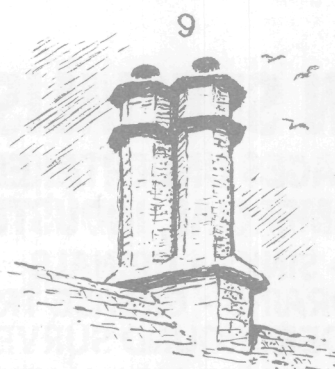
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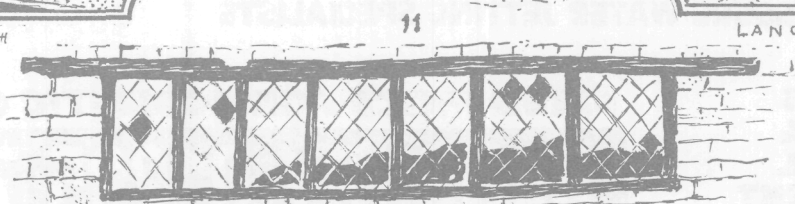
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Notes on the meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 16 April attended by Cllrs Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Cosgrove, Drake, Fisher, Flux, Hill, Oddy, Stevens, Todd (chair), C/Cllr Matthews, two parishioners and Insp Williamson from the local police traffic base. Apologies: Cllrs Lee and Swash.

Low Cost Housing

VIEWS SOUGHT ON FOOTPATH

The safety of children at play could be threatened if a suggestion to include a public footpath through the estate is implemented. The owner of College Farm wants a path to run from Hempton Road to Cosy Lane but cllrs decided to ask local residents and the police architectural liaison officer for their views before taking the request further. The Low Cost Housing Scheme will meet Secure by Design guidelines, to minimise the risk of crime.

Environment

PAVILION BASE MUST GO

A softly, softly approach is to be made by the Parish Council to Deddington Town Football Club. Cllrs are worried that the concrete base of the old pavilion in the Castle Grounds is a potential danger to children and they want the Club to remove it as soon as possible. The Clerk, David Blakey, said the delay was because the Club was waiting for the Probation Service to arrange for the work to be done by offenders on community service. Cllr Nigel Oddy said he felt the problem was "best resolved in a village of this size on a friendly basis" and cllrs agreed the Clerk should phone the Club and explain the PC's concerns.

NOISY LEGION UPSETS NEIGHBOURS

Noise from late-night live music at the British Legion has drawn complaints from neighbours, Cllr Josie Stevens told the meeting. Although this is a licensing matter, cllrs agreed to write to the Legion's secretary. Cllr Geoff Todd, the PC chairman, advised complainants to contact the appropriate authorities.

Recreation & Grants

COLTS TO GET NEW GOALPOSTS

Members of the Parish Council agreed unanimously to grant £1,050 to the Colts Junior FC, so they can buy new junior-sized goalposts and nets. Cllr Bill Drake distributed copies of the Colts' three year financial plan, which was praised by PC members. Cllr Geoff Todd said it was "the best to be presented to the PC". Cllr Nigel Oddy said the PC had a duty to support the Colts and Cllr Jim Flux congratulated the Club for their efforts over the past year. Cllr Ron Colley declared an interest but said the goalposts would be an asset for the whole community and the school, adding: "It might give them a better chance of winning the cup final." He said the Club had done several things to raise money over the year and had plans for more. Cllr Drake said he was "delighted" at the PC's decision. The grant of £900 for goalposts and £150 for nets was made on the condition they would become the property of the PC if the Club folded.

ALLOTMENTS NOT FOR SALE

Following their letter to the land agents asking about the possible purchase of the three acre allotment site, cllrs have been told the owners "do not wish to dispose of the land at this stage."

Highways

PARISH TO GET ANTI-SPEED SIGNS

Speeding motorists in Clifton, Deddington and Hempton will soon be reminded to slow down. The Parish Council agreed at its meeting to go ahead with a suggestion from the Highways Committee to buy a minimum of 30 coloured-card anti-speed posters similar to those in Aynho. Committee chairman, Cllr Gaye Brewer said the £600 cost of the posters was much cheaper than alternative traffic calming schemes, and they do not need planning permission. In reply to a question from the chairman, Insp Mike Williamson from the police traffic base at Bicester said in his opinion the Aynho signs were "very effective".

CABLE CLEAR-UP

The "trail of devastation" left by cable layers in north Oxfordshire is to be cleared up. Cllr Geoff Todd told the Parish Council that the company responsible, Energis, has sub-contracted Oxfordshire County Council to do the outstanding work.

A TRIBUTE TO CLLR MATTHEWS

Chairman Geoff Todd paid tribute to C/Cllr Norman Matthews for his support in the Parish Council's long-running struggle to improve the surface of the pavements along the main road. The paths were resurfaced by OCC, who now agree the finish was of a poor standard. They have agreed to carry out the necessary remedial work as soon as possible. C/Cllr Matthews was also thanked in a letter from Mr Hunt, for his support and efforts to get the footpath repaired in Church Street.

Planning and Property

NO TO BRICKS

Cllrs discussed an application to demolish the dilapidated cottage at the side of the Holcombe Hotel and replace it with a two-storey house. They had no objection to the house, as long as it was built in local stone rather than the red brick which features in the plans.

YES TO BEDROOMS

An application from The Tasty Blackboard for a single storey extension to provide three extra bedrooms and a store at the rear of The Bakehouse met with no objections after Planning Committee chairman Cllr Betty Hill explained it was in the character and style of previous applications. The application also included three extra parking spaces in the garden of The Beeches and the PC will ask CDC to ensure that permission is granted only on condition that change of use is applied for and granted.

PLANNING APPROVALS

Cherwell District Council has granted permission for alterations at Russell House, Church Cottage, The Hermitage and Paper Mill Cottage.

ANGLERS' CAR PARK

The Clerk told cllrs he understood the application for anglers' parking at Boulderdyke Farm, Clifton had been refused by CDC.

Holly Tree Club

MONDAY MORNING CLUB SUCCESS

Two dozen people attended the first meeting of the Monday Morning Club for disabled people and people aged 60 plus. Cllr Terry Clinch said there is a "genuine desire to continue" and he hopes membership will rise. Activities are planned.

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EDITORIAL

Changes are afoot! Firstly, **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ADDRESS ABOVE FOR COPY FOR THE JUNE AND JULY ISSUES ONLY** - and my deepest thanks to Norman and Angela Stone for enabling us to set off for a campervan marathon through eastern Europe. From the September issue the DN'S reins will be permanently in new editorial hands: those of Kristin Thompson, about whom more in due course though you will already have seen her byline in the DN (including p.9). Welcome in advance Kristin.

It has been (mostly) immensely rewarding to be in the DN's editorial seat, assisted by a grand team who will of course remain unchanged. It has led me into areas of village life that otherwise I might never have discovered, and in contact with some very interesting, caring, talented - sometimes all three - people. Occasionally I've wondered if there really is anyone out there when requests for assistance or a reaction have produced a total blank. At other times you have astonished me by your commitment or generosity to some needful project.

But surely by now *someone* has succeeded in answering the cover quiz? And what do you think of our new version of the P.C. Report (p.2-3)? We really want to know.

It's profoundly saddening there has been no adult response to the Youth Bus project (p.4); given enough people on a rota it wouldn't take so much of anyone's time and the dividends in community terms would be great. If you're between 13 - 16 years, with a sense of adventure, there's something else of very special interest to you on p.3. At the other end of the age spectrum, the Monday Morning Club has got off to a good start (p.8). And among May's events we welcome a Dutch choir (pp. 5 & 10) and have a chance to meet at the Windmill's Open Day (p.14)

After eastern Europe we're not going anywhere and I hope to stay involved in Deddington doings. So see you around? At the **Annual Parish Meeting on May 7** may be?

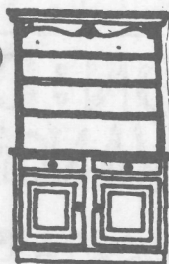
Sylvie Spenceley

MAY DIARY

Fr	2	British Legion: Galaxy Disco, 8.30pm.
Sat	3	British Legion: Nightshift, live band, 8.30pm.
Mo	5	Monday Morning Club: The Holly Tree, 10am - noon (p.8)
Wed	7	Annual Parish Meeting, The Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
Sat	10	Beeches Bowls Club: Cake Stall, Market Place, 10am (p.7)
Sat	10	British Legion: F.B.I.(group). 8.30pm.
Sat-Sun	10-11	Recycling skip at the School.
Tu	13	WI:Resolutions meeting, Mrs L Conway, Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
Wed	14	U3A: Chaplain to H M The Queen, Revd Canon DG Palmer, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Wed	14	ATC open evening, The Holly Tree, 7pm - 10pm (p.3)
Fr	16	British Legion: Solo Sound (disco). 8.30pm.
May 17 - June 2		Oxford Art Week Exhib. by local artists in Town Hall; Country Store; The Studio, Tays Lane (p.9)
Sat	17	British Legion: Deddington Colts Presentation Night.
Wed	21	Annual Parish Council Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
Wed	21	Youth Evening, The Holly Tree, 8pm - 10pm
Fr	23	Evening of good music & The Word, The Lymmian Ministries, Holly Tree, 7.30pm - 10.30pm (p.6)
Sat	24	Refurbished Wesleyan Chapel open for coffee, 10am - noon (p.11)
Sat	24	Concert by Deddington & Best Church Choirs, Parish Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £6 (pp 5 & 10)
Sat	24	British Legion The Small Print (group). 8.30pm
Mo	26	Open Day at The Windmill Centre, 2pm (p.14).
Tu	27	COPY DATE FOR JUNE DEDDINGTON NEWS
Tu	27	Monday Morning Club: Visit to the Apollo to see "Absent Friends" (p.8)
Wed	28	U3A: M. S. Care, Mr P Williamson, Chairman M. S. Group, Banbury, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Fr	30	British Legion: Queen of Hearts (disco). 8.30pm.

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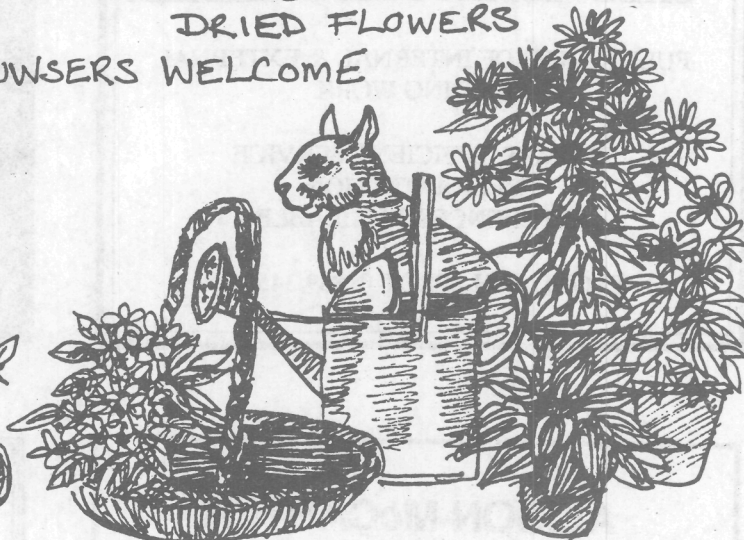
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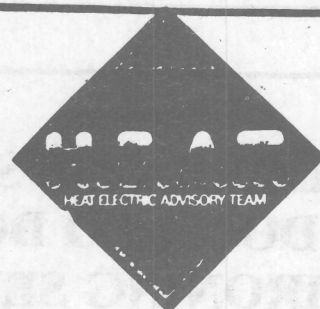
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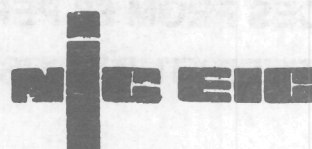
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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

We have welcomed eight new children into our Reception Class this term and a new teacher, Mrs Langford, which brings us to our full complement of six classes.

Our Infants are studying the village of Deddington this term, whilst the older children are working on topics as diverse as "The Earth in Space", "Weather and Climate" and "Healthy Living". We were delighted to be involved in a wonderful concert by the massed choirs of the Warriner Partnership Schools. Three hundred youngsters, including a contingent from Deddington, performed the Musical, "Yanomamo" to two large audiences at Sibford School. Over 50 of our children took part in Cross-Country Races at the Warriner. Pride of place went to Daniel Walker, who won the Older Boys' race (over 150 contestants in all) by a wide margin.

Peter Goringe



"THE BUS: your place, your space" **has been to DEDDINGTON**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the bus during its 8 weeks in Deddington. The visits were a great success with up to 50 young people arriving every week (more than we have had anywhere), enjoying themselves and having only good things to say about us! However due to the lack of adequate adult interest and support it is unlikely that the club will continue immediately after we have left.

This is unfortunate for there is obviously a great need - and potential for one starting as it has in the other two communities we have visited. But it is never too late. **If anyone is interested in helping to start a youth project in Deddington** please get in touch with me. The support is still available.

Special thanks to Ian Putt and Joyce Minnear who came every week, giving their time and help to the project; and to all the young people who came. We hope we have provided the impetus for some provision in the future.

Further information? Ring **Susie Healey** at OAYP on 01865-794524.

Friends of Daeda's Wood

Didn't we have a lovely time? In glorious spring sunshine, about 25 or so adults and children spent a couple of hours on Sunday 13 April broadcasting £500 pounds worth of

wild flower seed while I frantically tried to keep up with them, pre-mixing it with sand. Some species were planted as plugs. Last autumn before the trees went in, the site had been drilled with six different meadow grasses (two Fescues, Common Bent, Timothy, Crested Dog's tail and Smooth Meadow grass); that is now quite evident. And the wild flower areas had recently been harrowed ready for us. Now, after rolling, hopefully we'll see - so I'm told - Yarrow, Oxeye Daisy, Lesser Knapweed, Meadow Sweet, Self Heal, Hedge Bedstraw, Meadow Vetchling, Ragged Robin, Ribwort Plantain, Cowslip, Buttercup, Sorrel, Betony, Tufted Vetch and Devil-bit Scabious; names that conjure up romantic images of the past. This is a mixture especially blended for the wet meadow conditions down there. The Woodland Trust may consider more planting next autumn, depending on this year's success. What we do need now is someone who visits the wood regularly to report back to the Trust, in particular the condition of the grass paths; please give me a call. Meanwhile, does anyone know the steps to a good rain dance?

Colin Robinson 338 272

OUT AND ABOUT IN CHERWELL DISTRICT CDC's excellent leaflet on Summer Countryside Events in 1997 is now available (Council Offices, libraries, Tourist Info Centres, etc.) It lists a host of guided walks, cycling and conservation events throughout the district. Closest to home is Walk No, 46: **Clifton Stroll** on **Wed. 11 June** - 4.5 miles, starting from Tithe Lane at 2 pm.

..... AND YET MORE WAYS OF STAYING FIT

Most short journeys of between one and two miles are now made by car. One of the main causes is parents driving their children to and from school. An increasing number of parents, teachers, governors and children are now realising the health and environmental problems this is causing and want to help find solutions. The **Pedestrians Association** is organising a **Walk to School week** from 23-27 June, encouraging schools to make the walking option easier. Anyone interested in finding out more can contact the association on 0171 608 0353

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL cont.

Windmill Centre

AGREEMENT REACHED WITH BOWLS CLUB

The dispute between the Windmill Committee and Deddington Beeches Bowls Club has been resolved. Cllrs were told that at a recent meeting both sides admitted to misunderstandings and poor communication. Cllr Jim Flux said the Committee had dropped its demand that the Club pays 50% towards past remedial work on the green, and the Club had agreed to make a contribution towards it. The amount of the contribution has yet to be decided but Cllr Flux said: "We need to clear the air and it should now be brought to a satisfactory conclusion."

HEALTHY FINANCES

The income and expenditure accounts for the year show the Centre is in a healthy financial situation, with a surplus of £2,500. Cllr Jim Flux said the Centre is "moving along nicely and improvements will continue to be made."

DOG FOULING

Dog owners are reminded to clear up after their pets, and to remember the Windmill grounds are a play area for children.

OPEN DAY

The Windmill Centre Open Day is on Bank Holiday Monday, 26 May. There will be a number of stalls and amusements and the committee is hoping for good weather to attract the crowds.

NEXT MEETING will be the Annual Parish Meeting on 7 May in the Windmill Centre at 7.30pm. All parishioners welcome. The Annual Parish Council meeting is on 21 May; venue to be confirmed.

CLIFTON PLAY AREA

Before the PC approved payment of various accounts, totalling £6,097, Cllr Ron Colley questioned the standard of grass cutting at Welford's Piece in Clifton. He said it was not cut short enough because of the rutted ground. The Clerk said the cause of the problem at Clifton, and at the Castle Grounds where grass was lying in "thick wedges" after its first cut of the season, was probably the unusual weather conditions. He will contact DesignGro about both.

HEARING LOOP

A system known as a hearing loop, which will enable people with a hearing aid to hear what is going on, is to be installed in the Town Hall for £90, saving about £250 on an earlier estimate. Cllr Jim Flux said the new price for the loop includes a second system which could be used in the Windmill Centre or the Holly Tree Club. The system will be ready in time for the May meeting.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

£450,000 (Bradford & Bingley @ 6.3%); £100,000 (Treasury Deposit @ 5 7/16%); £26,250.55 (14 days notice @ 4 3/8%); £16,328.51 (overnight @ 2 1/2%).

NEWS IN BRIEF: Meter in place to check water flows & pressures in the village; parishioners asked to remove their outdated advertising signs from poles & lamp posts; village steward to receive £10 tool allowance for using own tools; Clerk to look into possible provision of street lamp, junction of Hempton Road & The Paddocks; replacement seat for Clifton Road to be fitted soon; PC granted £50 to Chipping Norton Theatre; school governors to talk to PC about possible use of playground as weekend overflow car park; blue paving bricks to be laid outside Tucker's Store soon.



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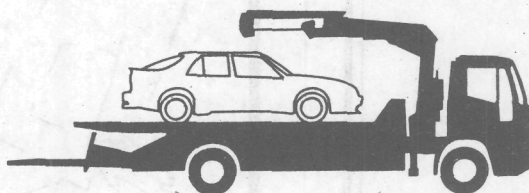
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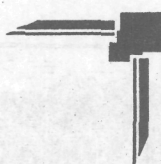
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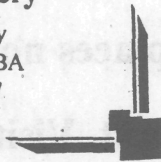
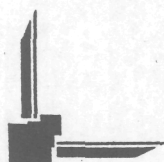


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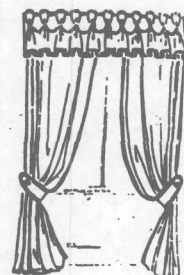


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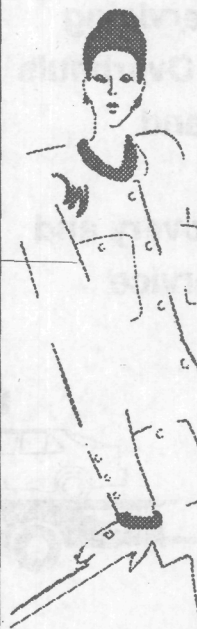
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May 11 - Mr John Hine

May 18 - Mr Andrew Cotton

May 25 - Rev Noel James, Rector of Somerton.

June 1 Rev Albert Fox (Communion).

Rev ALBERT FOX (345339).

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Confessions: Before Sunday Masses.

Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

Monday 18 May 7.45pm Ecumenical Prayer Group at Cromwell House, Market Place.

The Grove Quiet Garden. If the series of Lent talks has inspired you to more prayer, then come and join us at the "Grove Quiet Garden". This will be open twice a month on the second Sunday (3-6pm) and the fourth Wednesday (11am -2pm). Stay for ten minutes, half an hour or longer if you wish. Further information from Elizabeth Tothill (338186)

This month: Sunday 11 May (3-6pm) and Wednesday 28 May (11am -2pm).

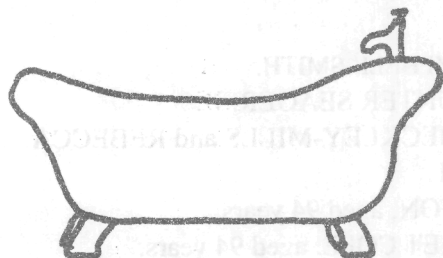
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TRIBUTES.

The tributes to PHYLLIS COPE and GLADYS HOPCRAFT will appear in the next issue, and the tribute to ROSE EDGINTON is in the News from Hempton.



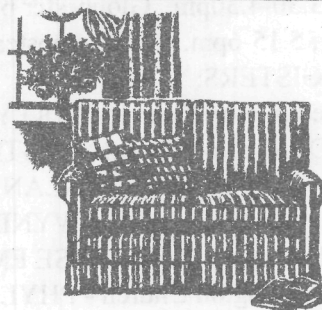
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Wed 7 10am Holy Communion.

Sun 11 10.30am Sung Eucharist with the theme of Mission. Guest speaker: Gill Poole of the Church Mission Society.

Wed 14 10am Holy Communion.

Sun 18 PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY) 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP).

Wed 21 10am Holy Communion. **Thu 22** 9.30am Holy Communion (Deanery Chapter).

Sun 25 Sung Eucharist.

Wed 28 10am Holy Communion followed by Healing Service.

May Services (St John, Hempton).

Sun 4 9am Eucharist. **Thu 8** 8pm Eucharist for Ascension Day.

Sun 18 9am Eucharist.

Sun 25 6pm Evensong (BCP).

Children's Church (4-11 years) will meet at the special Rogation Service on 4 May at Home Farm, Clifton.

On 11, 18 and 26 May, children will meet at 10.30am in Deddington Primary School.

Youth Fellowship (Over 12 years) will meet at 7.30pm on 25 May at Hempton Church hall for a games evening.

There will be a "mystery trip" on 11 May - 'phone the Curate for details.

Bible Study Group will meet on Monday 12 May at 2pm in 15 Grove Court (Mrs Ridd).

Mothers' Union Archdeaconry Festival will take place in Woodstock Parish Church on Thurs 15 May at 7.30pm.

Plant Sale at Hempton Church in aid of the Friends of Hempton Church on Sat 17 May from 10am - 1pm.

PCC Meeting on Tues 20 May at 7.30pm in Deddington School.

Deddington Church Choir and Best Church Choir Concert. Sat 24 May at 7.30pm in Deddington Church.

Following the choir's successful trip to Best in Holland, we are delighted to be hosting our Dutch friends in a reciprocal visit over this weekend. The Concert involving both choirs promises to be the highlight of the weekend.

Visit to Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. Sat 31 May, 6-8pm. If you would like to attend Choral Evensong, sung by the Cathedral Choir, followed by a guided tour of the Cathedral, please contact the vicar.

Bell-ringing. Sat 3 May, 3.30-4.30pm. Gloucester bell-ringers.

Sat 10 May, 5.15-6pm. East Hampstead Ringers.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS: 6 April in Deddington Church - HOLLY EVELYN CAMPBELL-SMITH.

13 April in Deddington Church - JUSTIN MYLES HUNTER SEAGER.

WEDDING: 5 April in Deddington Church - ALAN DOMINIC CHECKLEY-MILLS and REBECCA WYNDHAM GRANT.

FUNERALS: 7 April in Hempton Church - ROSE EMMA EDGINTON, aged 94 years.

15 April in Deddington Church - PHYLLIS MARGARET COPE, aged 94 years.

17 April in Deddington Church - GLADYS EMILY HOPCRAFT, aged 98 years.

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June 1 - Pastor I Walton.

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DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team Results

Byfield(h) Drew 1-1 M.Hewitt
Hook Norton Res(h) Won 4-0 M.Hewitt 2, D.Cowley, M.Doggett
Priors Sports(h) Won 3-1 C.Doggett, P.Waller, R.Bolton
Hornton(h) Lost 0-5

A good month for the first team, 3 good results in the Supplementary Cup have enabled the team to progress to the Semi-Final stage. The most impressive result came against Priors Sports; goal keeper Richard Bolton was one of the goal scorers in the 3-1 victory.

Reserve Team Results

Broughton & N.Newington Res(a) Lost 2-3 T.Chatterton, A.Hicks
Northern Lights(h) Lost 2-4 A.Hicks, J.Timms

A disappointing month for this side with both games ending in defeat. Andy Hicks scored in both matches. The reserves have one more match this season.

Sunday Team Results

Real Armas(h) John Wood Cup Won 2-1 A.Hambis 2
Enstone(a) Norbar Shield Lost 2-3 aet C.Hill, A.Hambis
Horton Sports(a) John Wood Cup Drew 2-2 aet N.Coles, A.Hambis
Trades(h) Won 3-1 A.Hambis 2, A.Shepherd

A month dominated again by Cup Games. If Deddington can defeat Horton Sports in their John Wood Cup replay, this will put them through to the final. On the league front a fine victory was achieved against high flying Trades 3-1. Andy Hambis has scored in each match this month.

STEVE PLUMBE 01295/278258

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We were host to Reading Town Football Club supporters during April. Their visit has become an annual event and we are pleased to see them. The occasion coincided with a successful wedding reception and DI and her team were kept very busy. Our best wishes go to John and Wendy.

Although our new function room is still in the planning stage, the existing facilities do offer an excellent venue for local functions at any time during the week and we are grateful to the Bowls Club for their support throughout the winter. Our Entertainments committee have a full schedule of social events planned for the summer and we look forward to seeing more of the old faces during the warmer and lighter evenings.

ROBIN HARRISON 337361

THE MONDAY MORNING CLUB

The club's inaugural meeting at the Holly Tree Club took place on 7 April; as a result the club now has 26 members and the committee were delighted by the response. After some discussion over coffee, those present suggested that apart from the monthly morning social meeting they would most appreciate an occasional organised outing such as a theatre visit. To kick-start the project one of the founding members has offered to arrange two initial theatre visits, with transport included, so that no-one need worry about driving home after the performance. The first will be to Alan Ayckbourn's Absent Friends at the Apollo on 27 May. In order to make sure that we get them, fourteen seats for the RSC's production of Cyrano de Bergerac at The Swan in Stratford have already been booked for 24 September. A Minibus has also been booked for the occasion. For further details for either outing phone 338153. If these ventures prove popular there could be more of the same. You can join the club for £1 a year. If you are over 60 or unemployed, why not turn up to the next meeting on Monday, 5 May between 10am and noon and let us know how you would like to see the club develop.

JEAN FLUX 338153

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Members who attended the meeting on 8 April enjoyed an entertaining speaker, Mrs.Stone. She called her talk "Around the world in 100 days" and showed many slides. Mrs.Stone is an inveterate traveller. She went from Heathrow to Egypt then after the Nile and Cairo to the Pacific Islands, Australia and finally America, all guaranteed to make one quite breathless. We understand that Mrs.Stone is planning to visit several more exotic locations shortly. Meanwhile plans for our own more mundane trip to Sandringham are going ahead.
Next meeting: 13 May, and we shall be discussing the Resolutions to be put before the Triennial meeting at NEC Birmingham in June.

RENE MAHONY 338438

CALLING ALL CLUBS

BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

Our Green at the Windmill Centre is now open and in very fine condition, thanks to the hard work of our Greenkeeper and strong support from many members - as well as the automatic watering system. Members may use the Green from 2pm each weekday and from 10am at weekends. To avoid disappointment, please enter your booking request in the clubhouse diary. Visiting bowlers are most welcome, but must be accompanied by a member (£2 per guest).

We would like to have more Deddington members, both experienced and beginners. There is a reduced fee for junior members. We are a friendly mixed club with one of the best Greens in the area, beautifully situated and with stunning views. There are opportunities to join in all sorts of matches and competitions as well as unlimited private bowling. Please apply to me for a membership pack or just turn up at the Green at 6.30pm any Wednesday for our regular club nights. These offer the opportunity for gentle competition in the form of a weekly Bowls drive, for tuition from our qualified instructors and the kind of socialising that helps make bowls such an enjoyable activity. Prospective members may arrange for up to two "free sample" supervised bowling sessions with use of the club bowls and footwear. There will also be a great opportunity to get a feel for the game at the Windmill Centre Open Day, Bank Holiday Monday, 26 May, when the Green will be open for a fun competition for beginners as well as demonstrations. We shall be running a Bric-a-Brac stall and have applied for a bar licence - so we shall need plenty of helpers. Before then we have our usual fund-raising Cake, Plant and Produce stall at the Town Hall on Saturday, 10 May, 10am. Please bring along your cakes etc from 8.30am and support us.

JOHN CLIFFORD, HON. SECRETARY 340564

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Last month we suggested an outing to a Rare Plants Fair, but response has been too poor to make any arrangements. If there are any members now who would like to go, please look for details in your April copy of the DN and get in touch with me. Nan Harris has some Fern seedlings to spare and is kindly offering them. If you are interested, please phone her on 338039.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

DEDDINGTON UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

As handover day approaches, Mr. Basil Lawrence provided members with some excellent slides of Hong Kong taken during his long stay in the territory. It was agreed that the slides captured all that is unique about "Fragrant Harbour". The musical entertainment given by Mo and Maddie Stevens was much enjoyed, and members appreciated the opportunity to join in and exercise their vocal chords. We were full of admiration for Mr. George Spenceley when he spoke about his expedition to South Georgia in the Antarctic. He illustrated his talk with some marvellous slides. We are always glad to welcome new members; do come and try us.

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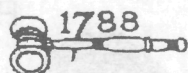
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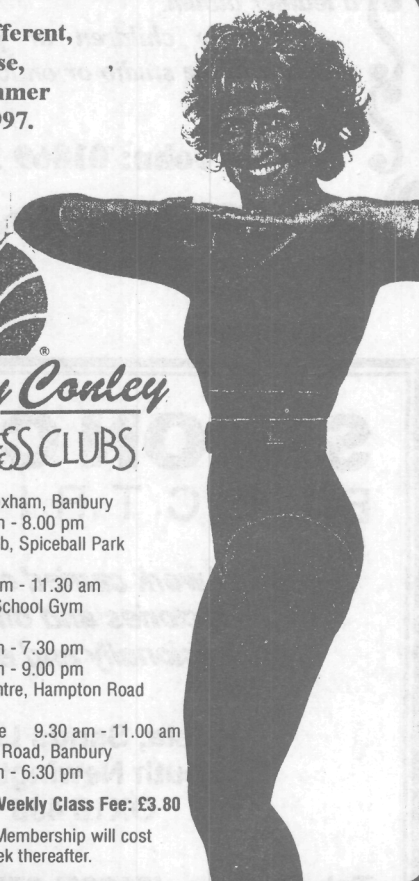


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GARDENING NOTES



I know there are people who grumble about the English climate but it does give us a long Spring and the most beautiful Spring gardens. When all the bulbs are in flower it's a good time to take stock and decide what you really like. Make a note of your favourite bulbs, because by October you'll have forgotten. There are many varieties of narcissi and it is quite a good idea to send for the catalogues of specialist nurseries like Broadleigh Gardens in Taunton and order from them. If you are looking for the more usual varieties Garden Centres stock, you can hand pick them and go for plump healthy looking ones. It is not a good idea to buy packs, especially if you can't see what is in them. Two years running I've bought dud packets of tulips from a supermarket, the sort that have worm holes and look chewed. By the time I came to planting them it was too late to take them back. Do you have a clump of leucojum? They look like very tall snowdrops with delightful white flowers fringed with green. They keep well in a vase. My all-time favourites, though, are scillas. I dot them around and they seed themselves all over the place.

Compost bin update: this year's lot only yielded one silver teaspoon; I must be getting more careful.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

Having heard the prophets of doom and gloom predict water shortages and dry weather, I have a suggestion for planting seeds in dry ground. When marking out the drill, try using the point of a trowel, thereby making a wider drill line. Now water this wider area well, place your seeds in the drill and cover them up. The wider drill will keep a greater area moist for a longer time. If possible, cover the lines of seeds with a mulch. This will help to conserve the moisture, possibly until the seeds germinate. Another tip when seeds have germinated is to dig a ridge around the area you have planted and then flood it. The ridge will act as a barrier and stop the water running all over the place.

Finally, back to the old plastic bottles. Cut the bottoms off and place the neck in the ground near the root of a plant. Get it in as far as you can. Then pour water through the bottle as a funnel. This gets the water right where it is most needed.

OLIVER HAWES

DEDDINGTON GOES DUTCH AS BEST CHURCH CHOIR PAY A VISIT ! Two years ago members of the Deddington Church Choir visited Holland as guests of the Protestant Church in the town of Best. We are honoured to welcome 45 members of that choir to Deddington Church Parish from May 23-25. The choirs will join together in a concert of sacred and secular music on Saturday, May 24, in Deddington Church at 7.30 p.m. and we invite you to come and enjoy this cross-cultural event, with the opportunity to meet both choirs afterwards. We hope you'll join us in giving our Dutch guests a warm welcome.

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...Of Dogs and Pots and Artists' Oils - THE DEDDINGTON ARTISTS GROUP

On Saturday, May 17th the county-wide Oxfordshire Artweeks Festival begins. Our local artists join in, displaying their multiple talents in three centres - Deddington Town Hall, The Country Store Gallery and The Studio at Bullring Cottage. The DN decided to find out how this participation began.

In a welter of bounding canines Deddington's Dog Walkers used to pace the Castle grounds, talking about what they did when they weren't attached to the other end of a lead. The group discovered they were also potters, quilters, sculptors, painters. In November 1993 Elizabeth Tothill agreed to organise their first exhibition and, from the start, the group flourished.

Meanwhile Annabelle Gregory had been teaching weekly life classes in Deddington and the work her group produced was part of the official Artweeks scene. She suggested the Dog Walkers also join, calling themselves - at that time - Shape Art. So the double-headed exhibition was born.

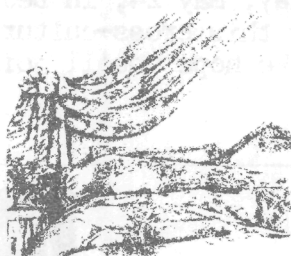
That was in 1994. The May exhibition is now a firm date in the calendar and is listed in the official Artweeks' catalogue. While still keeping a group identity (artists basically come from Deddington, Clifton and Hempton) the scope of exhibits has widened considerably. This year visitors can see paintings, ceramics, decoupage, hand-painted silk, jewellery, photography (using digital technology which also allows for restoration of old photographs), illustration, quilting, sculpture, mixed media work and aski-kataski (what's that? Come and find out!). Marie L. Smith is also opening her studio in The Bullring for an exhibition of drawings, paintings, sculpture, stoneware. In 1996 the Chair of the Artweeks Festival described Deddington's show in glowing terms, a tribute to the artists' talent and to the behind-the-scenes effort that goes into each exhibition.

There are too many participants to mention by name. Call Rob Forsyth (tel: 338 384) if you'd like further details. Opening Times: Country Store Gallery and Town Hall: Weekdays - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Weekends/Bank Holiday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Studio, Bullring Cottage: open Sun. 18 May and the subsequent two weekends from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (or by appointment tel: 338 245). Notices will be appearing in the village very soon.

Kristin Thompson

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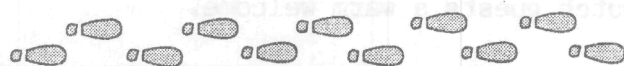
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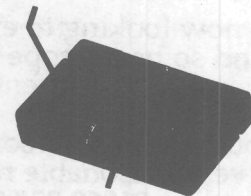
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21st MAY - Betsy, her Mother and self all walked round the kitchen garden and part of the premises, Holford rode down to Adderbury to see his Uncle Barber who was remarkably well and glad to see him. Mr. Stilgoe came and paid the remainder of his rent, I bought two Scotch cows of him down calving for £25. I also paid his own and his son's expenses on going down to Kerneys (in Wales) in my absence. I also announced to him that I had ordered a silver tankard to be forwarded to him, as a mark of my gratitude for many acts of kindness done to me, by overlooking my farming proceedings, etc. (Mr. and Mrs. Stilgoe from Adderbury tell me that they still have this engraved tankard - BH).

5th JUNE - the Yeomanry went out to quarters at Woodstock for a week's training. Attended a monthly meeting of Magistrates at the Kings Arms. I gave the sacrament as I had arranged to do to the widows at the Almshouses.

14th JUNE - I heard a case of vagrancy against Chas. Eaglestone of Barton, whom I sent to prison for one month calendar, and hard labour, he had left his child chargeable to Barton parish for 2 years.

21st JUNE - I married the widow of Franklin, the druggist, to a young Methodist preacher - 30 years younger it was said than herself.

25th JUNE - A coachman from Oxford called on me with a petition for my signature to be presented to the Post Master General requesting that the newly started coach from Oxford to Banbury and back, the Express, might become a mail coach. I refused to sign it till I had enquired more fully into the matter - how far it was likely to be injurious to the interests of Waddell & Co.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG



FROM PASTOR I. WALTON, WESLEYAN CHURCH, DEDDINGTON

The alterations on the Wesleyan Church are now finished, and the Fellowship would like to invite the village to look around the Church, and share a cup of coffee with us on Saturday, 24th May, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you. (ED. NOTE: See Church & Chapel, p. 5, for details of Services.)

FROM KEN WILKINSON, CHAPEL SQUARE, DEDDINGTON

Local residents who have not yet noticed may wish to know that we have a new butcher, Mr Ashley Forster, who tells me that he is enjoying our village community very much. At my request he also detailed for me what he considers will represent a difference from previous management, such as home made meat products and pies. Cheeses, cooked and other meats are being kept in separate cabinets in line with the latest legislation before it has even been enacted! It seems to me important that residents and local caterers should not only know about such local enterprises but also ("Use it or Lose it") patronise and support them.

FROM JASON HILL, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

I have recently bought the redundant former Hempton Congregational Chapel, and will start converting this into my first house in the course of the coming months. Having lived in Deddington in only rented accommodation for two years, I know very little of the history of this Chapel; I would be grateful if anyone who does have any old photographs, interesting stories or snippets of information about the building, would kindly contact me, so that I may learn a little.

In addition, as it is my first house I cannot afford massive expense on conversion. If there is anybody 'out there' who is perhaps looking for some part-time labouring work during the course of the summer, I would be grateful if they could come forward and help to restore this beautiful building to its former glory. Anybody interested in seeing my plans for the conversion is also welcome to contact me (01869 337237). I look forward to hearing from many of you.

FROM JIM FLUX, ORGANISING SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES

The OCVA furniture recycling store referred to in your April issue is in fact in Headington. Your readers may like to know that nearer here the Banbury and District CVS run a recycle furniture store at North Bar Place, Banbury, (behind the Katharine House Hospice shop). Its telephone number is (01295) 267741 and that of the CVS office 279515. This operation, run by volunteers, has helped many people on benefit over the last three years.

Last year they were fortunate enough to get a Lottery grant to buy a new truck, which has helped to expand the operation. The furniture store also works closely with Cherwell District Council to collect unwanted household goods from across the District and to redistribute the items still of use; the rest goes to landfill. If you have any unwanted items, do call the local store. Thanks in advance.

FROM RON CHURCH, ST. THOMAS STREET, DEDDINGTON

I should like to congratulate the Parish Council on the planned low cost housing. Like many I believe that this type of development is essential for the growth of a 'balanced' community in Deddington. To ensure that it goes ahead with the unanimous blessing of all in the Parish, I feel that now is the time to involve everyone and to ensure that everything is seen to be totally open. The following details should therefore, I suggest, be made public as soon as possible, perhaps at an open meeting or the AGM:

- 1) Exact location and site layout.
- 2) The type/s of housing to be built.
- 3) The nature of the development, ie. low cost for sale, shared ownership, low cost for rent, etc.
- 4) How the Housing Association/Parish Council are to make sure that village people, and particularly the young are to be given preference to allow them to participate.
- 5) Details of the allocation procedure which must be seen to be equitable.

I feel that all relevant information should be disseminated as widely as possible, to avoid any village gossip or suspicion which would harm the development. Finally I should like to express my appreciation for the 'Deddington News' and its team. (Gratefully received! - EDS.)

FROM DIANE WOODMAN, ST. THOMAS STREET, DEDDINGTON

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the cake stall by baking a cake, or by buying one on a cold Saturday morning. That way we raised £74 for the Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Scouts of Deddington.

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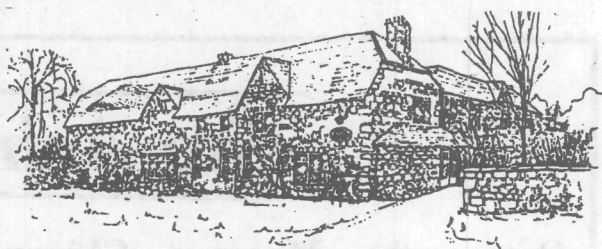
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ON THE FARM

Roll on the 2nd of May, then it will all be over and we can get back to normal, if there is such a thing! Whatever happens on May 1st, life in the countryside will carry on and no doubt the press and media will go back to vilifying and haranguing the farming community. Well, the nation still needs to be fed. Reading through my May 96 offering I see that I mentioned BSE. Well, it's still with us as well as other food scares which have resulted in more knee-jerk reactions from the powers that be and still more hygiene regulations to be imposed. But getting back to BSE, the latest theory suggests that it may have been caused by the use of OP insecticides in the mid-80s to eradicate the Gad or warble fly. This was done after an edict was handed down by government after complaints from the leather trade that most cattle hides were damaged by the warble fly grubs hatching out, thus making the hides unfit for sale. All cattle had to be treated twice a year so this may have been the catalyst that started the chain reaction that resulted in BSE. No doubt the argument will go on for years. Perhaps the cull should be extended to include all politicians and government scientists as well, then perhaps we could get back to normal!

Most of the crops are now showing signs of considerable stress due to the lack of rain and cold night time temperatures. The river is well down and we have the driest part of the year to come. The oil seed rape that we did not plough out can only be described as a complete disaster and where we did plough it out and replant with spring beans it is not much better. You do your best but the weather will get you in the end! The lambs are doing very well but the grass is disappearing fast. If we do not get some rain soon we shall have to start feeding again. We always hold a year's hay in stock against a bad hay-making time but this year we may not have enough grass to make hay. However I expect we shall get through and when it starts to rain it will not know when to stop and I shall be moaning because it is too wet!

The colonies of bees that survived the winter and varroa are off to a good start. Most have strong 'brood chambers' on them and some are 'putting down' honey. I shall soon have to start queen rearing and split some of the strong hives to make up for last year's losses. It may be possible to get some resistance to the virus by using queens from the surviving stocks that were hit last year.

The swallows are back as well as some of our other summer visitors but one bird that has not returned yet is the curlew. They normally return in mid-February. The last time they were this late was in 1976 and we all know what happened that year! Perhaps I should take a crash course in camel farming. I wonder what they are worth a kilo?

GEORGE FENEMORE 338203

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Rose Edginton passed away on 1 April at Lake House. The funeral service at Hempton was well attended as befitted someone who had lived here and worked in and for the church for such a long time. Rose was 94 and had spent nearly all her life in Hempton. She was born here and was a pupil in the old schoolroom behind St. John's. In 1925 she married Cleeve Jesse Edginton at Wallingford. I am told they lived at Folly Cottage and later at Woodbine Cottage which adjoined The Plough Inn, both of which were demolished in the 1960s. Mr. Edginton died in 1964. Most of us were familiar with Rose living in one of Church Farm Cottages where she sold eggs. She loved the little church, polishing the furniture and brass and scrubbing the floor well into her eighties, when she was reluctantly persuaded to let others take a hand. But Rose was ever a worker. For 8½ years she cycled from Deddington to Barford and beyond, delivering mail and papers in all weathers. During the War she volunteered to cook for the navvies working on Barford Aerodrome, later moving to other aerodromes in the area, even as far as Predannack on the Lizard. Always a very independent lady, if she felt you had done her a service, however small, she would press upon you a box of eggs or money 'for your petrol'. I don't know if she ever made a profit from those eggs! Above all she loved the church. When, in 1988, there were plans to sell it for conversion into a house, she doggedly collected signatures for a protest, which was successful largely due to her efforts. Latterly we missed her - truly - she was part of Hempton - but were pleased to think that she spent her last months being so well cared for at Lake House. R.I.P.

Rose's niece, Mary Cole, has asked me, on behalf of her family, to thank all friends and neighbours who attended the funeral and sent flowers, donations or messages of condolence.

NAN HARRIS 338039

Cherwell District Council's **Local Agenda 21 Action Plan** for the future of our environment has been delayed by illness among other things. A draft will be discussed at a public meeting at Bodicote House 12 May 7-9pm. To get a copy beforehand, call Tom Knowland on 01 295 252 535 extn 4224

JUNE DIARY

Mo	2	Monday Morning Club: The Holly Tree, 10am -noon.
Tu	10	WI: The Work of a J.P., Mr M Humphris. The Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
Wed	11	WI bazaar in aid of The Horton Appeal, The Holly Tree, 10am - 3pm.
Wed	11	Guided Walk, departing Clifton 2pm (p.4)
Wed	11	U3A: Debate on Fox Hunting Windmill Centre 2.30pm.
Th	12	M.U.: Wave of Prayer in Deddington Parish Church, 5.10pm - 5.40pm.
Sat	21	Sumer Is Icumen In, Words & Music to Celebrate the Summer Solstice, Parish Church, 7.30pm.
Tu	24	COPY DATE FOR JULY DEDDINGTON NEWS.

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS : Not much to report on this month with only 8 calls received, which were: 2 chimney fires; 1 road traffic accident; 1 fire at Morane Plastics, Banbury; 1 false alarm with good intent; 1 malicious false alarm and 2 calls to stand by at Bicester Fire Station. This makes 34 calls so far which is 12 less than this time last year.

RECRUITING : Martin Freeman has passed his induction test and is now turning out on the appliance. Since last month we have had 4 further applications, which are being processed. However we could still do with more and it is to this end that towards the end of the month a leaflet drop will be done round the village. On Sunday 1 June the Station will be open to anyone interested or any employer who thinks they have employees who may be suitable but are not quite sure what effect it would have on their business. Divisional Officers will be in attendance to answer any questions. A lot of time and effort will go into this recruiting campaign and we hope it will not be in vain.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES 338943

POLICE NEWS

This month I write with concern about the increase in burglary around the Parish. Since 1 January, 4 houses have been subject to burglary and 3 other non-house burglaries have been reported up to 6 April. This is almost the same as for all of 1996, which is an alarming increase. I am working with the CID to try and identify the offenders but I am lacking information which will assist. I therefore ask all of you to report anyone suspicious to me or to your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. Any information, however small, may help in identifying offenders, because it could be your house next.

BOB DONOHUE 01865 266615

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A recent initiative is under way to raise awareness of the help available to victims of domestic violence. This is being conducted by Soroptimist International (the largest women's service organisation) in partnership with Thames Valley Police. Community magazines in this area are being asked to draw attention to the following Help Lines: **Oxford Women's Aid** - 01865-791186 for a safe place to stay and info, advice and support; **Housing Rights Centre** - 01865-247853 for advice on housing issues; **Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre** - 01865-726275 for free confidential support for women of all ages who have suffered abuse at any time. Support numbers in Banbury which we publish regularly are: **Citizens Advice Bureau** - 01295-264637; **The Samaritans** - 01295-270000; **Victim Support** - 01295-812305.

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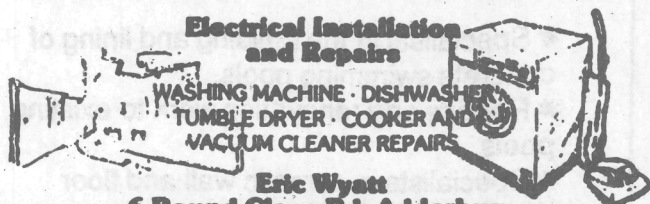
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